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To:

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Date:

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From:

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Subject:

Main St. / Hayward Road Intersection

I looked into the discrepancy of cost numbers between Engineering's and Planning's FY 05 capital project submission for the re-design for signalization of the Hayward Road intersection with Main Street.

It appears that Engineering picked up from the 1997 preliminary study plans that the Board of Selectmen reviewed in a public hearing that year, and then assumed an estimated cost of modifying and completing these designs.

Rather than accepting the preliminary study plans in 1997, the Board of Selectmen commissioned a Route 27 corridor study. It was completed in 2001. The corridor study contains estimates for the design, reconstruction, and signalization of the intersection. Planning's estimated cost for the redesign of the intersection derives from the corridor study and includes engineering design plans for new sidewalks in the intersection vicinity.

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